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HE SATISFIETH THE LONGING SOUL

J. B. Ellis

Man was created for God's glory and he had the glorious privilege of companionship with his Creator. Of the bliss and happiness of such a relationship. Since man by transgression lost his relation, he has never been satisfied with himself or anything else. Somehow he still retains a desire to be satisfied. This desire inspires him to energetic pursuit of happiness. You find man everywhere seeking to satisfy their longing of the soul, but alas it is only a pursuit which is followed by a sad disappointment. You can never satisfy the soul with the sordid things of time and sense.

Let us notice a few ways in which men seek satisfaction. No, there is the rich worldling. Hear him as he worries over his great wealth, "What shall I do? I have nowhere to bestow my goods. I will tear down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my goods, then will I say to my soul, 'soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Eat drink and be merry.' Ah, poor man. He is vainly trying to feed his soul with the things of this life; he has bartered his soul for the things of this world. No doubt in my mind but that this is the same young man who came to Jesus and kneeling down worshipped Him, saying "Good Master, what good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He told Jesus that he had kept the commandments from his youth up, but still he felt there was something lacking. Jesus told

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SPIRIT WORKING IN NORTON

NORTON, Va.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord thru the paper for the way He has been blessing at this place. Brother Money has just closed a meeting here in Norton, two were saved, Brother Jernigan, our State Overseer was with us five nights and preached with great power and set a church in order with seven members, October 30th and on October 31st he received seven more into the Church and the meeting closed with victory. We are looking for victory in Norton.—Laura Vandegriff.

VICTORY IS OURS

Just a few lines to let you know that we are in the battle and the victory is ours and we are marching on and taking the land for God. We have come to the end of our trying and God has undertaken in the battle and at meeting last night there were nineteen at the altar and about twenty have been saved to date and the end is not yet. Well in fact we have a good start and we look for great things for God and His great Church this year in Missouri.

The altar is full on both sides and yet there is not room and the crowds are large. We started to depend upon God to work in the State and so we are just leaving it all in His hands.

My address at present is Desloge, Mo.—D. R. Moreland, State Overseer of Mo. and Kans.

DOTH GOD TAKE CARE OF OXEN?

H. B. Simmons

You may think this a peculiar subject and it may be a little odd, but is a very important subject, especially to the ox.

Now God has many faithful old oxen that have been plowing out the corn year after year and hardly a year passed that some of them are not turned out on the grass to pick for their lives, others are still plowing, but are starved until they are not able to give good service. Is God pleased at this? No, He hath said thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. Deut. 25:4; 1 Cor 9:9. Doth God care for oxen? I should say He does and He wants you to care for them too and if you don't you'll wish some time that you had.

Now any good, successful farmer will have large, roomy barns, then he will bring all his corn, hay, oats etc., to his barn and see that they are well filled. He is providing for his oxen. God has a barn too, He calls it a storehouse, where His goods are to be stored for His oxen. You may say, "Where will God

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MAKING OUR HOMES CHRISTIAN

Text.—"Let us love one another; for love is of God."

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

One of the most deplorable things that we can imagine is a home where father and mother quarrel and fight, also the children have been brought up under this influence until they are going the same route. John and Bill chew tobacco, also drink, curse and fight. Often a quarrel begins at the table or around the fireside, often it has proven fatal to one and sometimes both parties.

Then with the girls, Pet and Purt, they dip snuff and loom around home through the day, but at night they are in prim, having stood before the glass for two hours priming, puffing, painting, pinning and powdering, trying to look pretty, but good common sense people think they are horrible looking creatures. Come let us view them as they go skipping to the gate to answer the call of some heinous, lustful son of Adam as he sounds the horn of his car. They are trimmed just to suit his lustful eye, dress above the knees, stockings rolled down, no sleeves whatever in the piece of dresses they wear, these being made of cloth almost transparent and about six inches too low on the chest. Then those red cheeks! They resemble red, June apples. Also it appears that they have some-

thing red in their mouth and it is running from the corners like red paint. The rest of the face is powdered white, the eye brows and lashes are also painted. "Oh my" any big old clown in Barnums' show is a credit to such creatures. Well they trollop around with Tom, Dick and Harry till midnight or two o'clock in the morning. Now at breakfast time the father and mother have a time trying to get them out of bed. Finally they cowardly and sneakingly crawl out, nerves wrecked, sick, feeling like they had not a friend on earth. John and Bill threaten to kill Tom, Dick and Harry.

What a home! What a home! And would you tell me there are no homes like this? Nay there are tens of thousands similar to this picture. What is needed in a home like this? The answer is, "Nothing but genuine, old time religion." Good religion will completely transform the lives of this father and mother and all the children.

To keep a nation pure and strong is a task that is enough to stagger the stoutest heart. But to keep a family pure and strong is a possible task; and according to the Biblical conception a nation is nothing but

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HUMILITY — THE WAY OF SUCCESS

"God Resisteth The Proud, But Giveth Grace Unto The Humble."

"Humble Yourselves in the Sight of the Lord, and He Shall Lift You Up."

J. S. Llewellyn

There is a great contrast between the humility of Jesus and the pride of humanity. Throughout the Sacred Book is to be found the oft repeated call to humanity to humble themselves before God. We hear the thunder tones of warning against the pride of humanity and the loving entreaty accompanied with priceless inducements to live and walk the humble way with God—hence it is written, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

The Contrast

When we stop to consider the humble, lowly Nazarene who set for us an example, remembering too that He was God in

carnated in a human body and by His life and conduct He endeavored to point humanity to the way of humility and success. He humbled Himself and was found in fashion as a man, remembering that He was Lord of all and yet as a youth He lived in subjection to His parents. He was possessor of all things; yet in His humiliation He had nowhere to lay His head. He was holy and separate from sinners; yet He ate with them and was accused of being their friend. He worshipped with His disciples and was acknowledged as their Master; yet He took the towel and washed their feet. He was holy, just and good; yet He was numbered with the transgressors and suffered ignominious death.

How different it is with man in his fallen condition. He lifts himself up in pride and magnifies himself against God. He is not subject to God. He will not obey His voice. He loves the

ANOTHER VICTORY WON

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful meeting here, where many precious souls have wept their way to victory. Praise the Lord. About thirty-six were saved, seventeen sanctified and seven received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother Paul Ross had charge of the meeting. At the close of the meeting he set a Church in order with thirty-one members and I am glad I am one of them, I have had the Holy Ghost for about five years, I feel like working for God more than ever. I desire the prayers of all the saints.—Laura Dean.

AWAKE, AWAKE, YE SAINTS

I am praising God for His goodness to me. We must be careful what we say and do. Remember that the world is looking at you; no matter where you are there is an all seeing eye watching over you and we must be careful. Always let our conversation be pleasing to the Lord. We should always be careful what we say and do, never let our conversation be with jesting or foolishness. I believe in Divine healing. He said trust Him for He would not put anything upon us that we were not able to bear. Bless His holy name!—M. U. B.

BY HIS STRIPES. WE ARE HEALED

For over ten years Jesus has been my healer. When I had the measles I was healed of a cough that I suffered much pain from. A brother came into my home and prayed for me and anointed my throat. The great Healer of all diseases did the work at once. My little girl was healed of a bad spell of flu. All

of our children have been healed many times by the touch of His gentle hand. In my nine years of experience in the ministry I have seen many cases of healing wrought. Lately God has healed me of sore eyes and a bad case of shingles.

I can truly say He is one that we can depend on, for I have tried Him many times. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. Psalms 103:2, 3.—R. E. Hamilton.

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GOD HELP US ALL

Charles Kingsley asked a young preacher who was to occupy his pulpit at Eversley to allow him to read two or three of his sermons in manuscript. When he had finished, he chose one by no means the best written, but containing an honest presentation of Jesus Christ, and said: "Preach that. There is a poor soul who will be in church, whose sins it may touch, and whose sorrows it may heal. God help us all." The needs of humanity are so acute, and the seriousness of attending to them is so great, and the time for our ministry is so short, that it is not worth while to display our little selves. Let the Christ be magnified. "He must increase, but I must decrease."—Rev. G. P. Eckman.

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NOTICES

I would like to know the whereabouts of W. W. Rush. When last heard of he was in Georgia.—Mrs. Maud Clark, Rt. 1, Cason, Texas.

Mrs. E. E. Carroll, Whigham, Ga. wants to know if there are any true blue Christians or saints of God who are willing to go to the City of or near New Orleans, La. If so please write to her and let her know and she will write more. Please visit that city with the Gospel or tell her if there is a Church of God there or how far it is to one.

TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN WEST VIRGINIA:

This is to notify you that Brother C. W. Florence has been appointed State Evangelist for West Virginia. Any one wishing his service may address him at 901 Buckeye St., Toledo, Ohio. Brother and Sister Florence are both good workers and will be a blessing to the churches that have them for a meeting.—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of W. Va.

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HUMILITY - THE WAY OF SUCCESS

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up above God. The pride of Satan is the pride of fallen man. The antichrist which is yet to come will exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped: but with his iron hand he will endeavor to compel all the world to worship him. The pride of the antichrist is the chief characteristic of man.

The spirit of the devil and of the antichrist yet to come is undertaking to dominate and control this world, yea, it is the spirit of the age. It is alarming how it undertakes to make its inroads on Christianity. While the modern fashions are extremely objectionable; yet this is only one of the many products or fruits of the awful spirit that is prevailing in this world to-day. It is to be found in social, political and ecclesiastical circles, yea, in both pulpit and pew. Surely it is high time for the humble man of God to raise the signal of warning against a threatening danger.

God Resisteth the Proud

God will not accept the proud and the haughty. He will not receive that which wants to exalt itself. He will look with disfavor on the awful spirit of pride that seeks to rob Him of His rightful glory. He will resist that which refuses to humble itself before Him and acknowledge Him as supreme.

In numerous incidents recorded in the Word of God men fall at the feet of the messenger or servant that was sent to them, to worship them, but we find that they were forbidden to do so and advised to rise up "For I myself am a man," or "I am thy fellow servant," and "They were exhorted to worship God." Oh, the thousands of professed Christians in this world to-day who hold only men's persons in admiration. They profess religion in some favorite preacher's meeting, and when the preacher is gone their religion is gone. If their preacher fails surely reward you for this deed of kindness. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

they fail also. How different it is to the one who professes faith in and receives Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and sets their affection on things above; then let men rise and fall, nations crumble, hell tremble, they are anchored within the vale. I love to give honor to whom honor is due, but as for my worship I reserve it for Jesus Christ, the Divine head of the Church. Beloved, we may have our official stations here, but we are all servants of God together. We are not to worship one another, but with one heart and one soul worship God supremely, exalt His Son, and honor the Holy Ghost, then enjoy the sweet, holy fellowship of one another.

The expression often used, "big preachers and little preachers, big men and little men" is highly improper in referring to the blood washed saints, or the servants of the Most High. Oh, that we could look at one another as God looks at us. Beloved, God expects your best and my best, and He will honor your best as He will mine, and mine as yours, and what God would have you do is just as important with Him as what He would have me do or vice versa, therefore, we are all little, humble servants of God, entirely dependent upon Him, for Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." No wonder He said, "God resisteth the proud" because He can't use them, but thank God "He giveth grace unto the humble." He further declares that "He who exalteth himself shall be abased, and he who humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Gives Grace Unto the Humble

God has an abundance of grace for the humble man, the one who will lovingly and gently humble himself and take the worst of things in order that God in all things might be glorified. Pride brings destruction, humility brings untold blessings and power. The lesson of genuine humility is one of the most essential for both pulpit and pew and should be well learned and put into practice on all occasions. The man who thinks that no one else can preach hardly so well as himself is deceived, and thinks more of his own preaching than his congregation does. There is quite a contrast in great preaching and great skinning. Some preachers take a pride in skinning when they have no oil to pour on after they get it done.

Several years ago I knew a preacher who took great pride along this particular line and there were a few in his congregation whom he did not have the utmost confidence in and he decided that he would preach a sermon that would knock their props from under them as he called it. He says, "I am going to preach them to the altar," and he leveled down with one of his great skinning sermons, firing one gun after another and thought he was hitting them every shot. By and by at the close of the service he made an altar call, confidently expecting them to be the first ones at the altar, but alas, instead of what he expected, six of the best members he had quietly arose and went to the altar and the very ones he was shooting at (and using the sacred desk as a breast works) sat erect as the nothing had ever happened. That must have been his sermon instead of the Lord's. Sometimes preachers have some sermons that are their own personal property and other times under the anointing, the Lord sends a message and He takes care of it. Yes, it will accomplish that whereunto He

sent it. Oh, if men would only give God a chance, let God take possession of their every faculty. He would use them to His glory and to the salvation of the lost. God wants humble men that He can work through.

I feel that it would be fitting just here to sound a note of warning of a threatening danger of dead formality, dead theology on the one hand and wild fire and fanaticism on the other. There appears to be an alarming tendency on the part of many to drift into a dead, formal, mechanical way of preaching and doing things, while on the other hand some entertain the fanatical idea that we can just open our mouth and the Lord fill it (with something). They don't have to study or anything of that kind, but just merely testify. A good testimony is fine, but that is not preaching. A church will not prosper fed on that and that alone. Then again others must have their skeletons of sermons or they can't preach, but you know that a skeleton is dead to start on and dead to quit on and a church cannot prosper in Spiritual things fed on dead carcasses, therefore the only remedy is to hold God's Sacred Book close to our hearts, pray for Him to give us a revelation of His Word and pray for Him to enable us to preach with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, remembering that Paul said, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power," then the conclusion of the whole matter is that God would place His power on the humble soul. He will make them a wonder to themselves and those around them. The churches will prosper in Spiritual things, their services will be fruitful in the ingathering of souls. Oh, we need the holy fire in both pulpit and pew, then God will solve our problems for us and our greatest energies will be spent in lifting up the fallen and caring for the dying. Oh, that God would make every church throughout this broad land a soul saving station, a lighthouse for the multitudes who are wandering in darkness.

Humble Yourselves

Our attention is especially called to the fact that we are exhorted to humble ourselves and this is a privilege that should be highly appreciated and lovingly obeyed from the fact that it is far better for us to humble ourselves than to wait for God's judgments, misfortunes, bereavements and disaster to humble us. Oh, so often has God in His mercy plucked the little flowers of our home in order to humble us before Him and bring us to a full realization of our dependence and accountability to Him. Often affliction comes that really proves a blessing in disguise, and has the effect of humbling us before the Lord and enabling us to feel our dependence upon Him. Sometimes God has to call us behind the veil (of affliction) to get to talk with us and tell us howreckless, heedless and unthoughtful we are of Him and get us divested of ourselves, that self pride which proves so detrimental to our Christian experience and with pale faces we look up into His face and cry for deliverance with the solemn vow that we will serve Him better, that we will walk humble with Him.

Sometimes God suffers reverses of various kinds to come our way in order to humble us when we might have prevented it by humbling ourselves. Misfortune sometimes overtakes us to humble us, when if we should

have humbled ourselves it might have been fortune. Sometimes disappointments come and sorely try us to humble us when if we should have humbled ourselves it would have been His appointment rather than disappointment. Sometimes when everything is going well, prosperity coming our way, we forget and neglect Him and become lifted up with pride, then He has to humble us, when we could have humbled ourselves. Then sometimes judgments follow that are more severe and almost harder than we are able to bear; yet it is all for our good to bring us to His feet where we will acknowledge Christ as all and in all. He does it because He loves us, not because He is angry with us. He knows that He cannot afford such to enter the Pearly White City and He wants us there. He will not the death of any, but that all should come to Him. He chastises us many times in order to humble us so that we might be partakers of His holiness, for without it we cannot enter Heaven.

In the consideration of our humbling ourselves God has promised to exalt us in due season, therefore, it is our part to humble ourselves and God's part to do the exalting, but so often the case the rule is reversed, we exalt ourselves and God has to abase us and Oh, how that hurts, but on the other hand when we humble ourselves the blessings flow freely and the glory rolls, the victory is ours and God exalts us, the power falls, the Spiritual tide runs high, the flood gates of glory are raised and we are under the spout where the glory comes out.

Note.—This article is to be continued, taking up a number of Bible characters, considering in each, first, their pride; second, their humiliation; and third, their exaltation, thus conveying to our minds the disastrous results of pride, the blessings of humiliation and its results, God's exaltation.

HE SATISFIETH THE LONGING SOUL

(Continued from Page 1.) him to go and sell what he had and give to the poor and come and follow Him. This he failed to do and went away sorrowful—a sad picture indeed. He plunged into the world for satisfaction, but the world failed to satisfy. I hear a voice from Heaven saying, "Thou fool, this night shalt thy soul be required of thee. Then, whose things shall those be for which thou hast labored?" Ah, my friend, dangerous indeed it is to seek satisfaction from the world. Far better to give up the world and seek satisfaction in Christ. "For He satisfieth the longing soul."

There is a class who is unwilling to meet the requirements of a godly life, they too turn away sorrowfully and undertake to drown their soul's desire by yielding to the passion and appetite of the body. How vain are your efforts! You get a few momentary gratifying pleasures only to be followed by increased remorse of conscience. Some try to drink their troubles away, but alas! with the sobering, there is the return of all your previous troubles, intensified by the consciousness of added trouble.

Others seek to drown the soul's hunger for something it has not by yielding themselves over to the devil in blasphemy against God and His Spirit, such as foolish talking and jesting

and the conversation they carry on makes one feel as tho he were in the presence of demons. No. You are not satisfying the hunger of your soul. You will some day call on the God you curse and whose name you irreverently take upon your lips. We will now notice some of the things that will satisfy.

1st. The soul desires peace in its natural state; it is conscious of the wrath of God and its own rebellious nature, but in spite of these conditions it still desires peace. Is peace promised? Ah yes! I hear the angels sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men." The prophet had said, "He is the prince of peace" and again "The chastisement of our peace was upon H'm." Paul says, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God." Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you." Yes, longing soul, confess your sins and believe on the Son of God and this peace is yours. The soul longs for purity and cleansing. It feels its depravity and loathes its uncleanness. Is there a remedy? Is there a balm in Gilead? Ah, hungry soul listen, John says, "He was manifested to take away our sins." Again "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Paul says, "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gates."

The soul longs for the presence and companionship of God. Can it possess it? When Jesus was here, the people had His presence with them, but you say "Jesus is gone away and we can have His presence no more." Not so, Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless, I and the Father will come unto you and take up our abode with you," again, "It is expedient for you that I go away for if I go not away the Comforter will not come, but if I go away I will send him unto you, even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive for it seeth him not, neither knoweth him, but you know him for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." Jesus commanded His waiting Church to tarry and wait for the promise of the Father. O you say, "May I have Him? How may I know when I receive Him?" Jesus said, "When he is come, he will testify of me." "He will not speak of himself, but whatsoever heareth of the Father that shall he also speak." Luke says, "And when Pentecost was fully come they were all of one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

Ah, dissatisfied and longing soul, you will never be satisfied with the theories and opinions of men. They used to tell me I could not live above sin nor be sanctified, but I have learned they did not know, for the blood of Jesus sanctified me thirty years ago and I have had the privilege of living under the blood all these years. Then sixteen years ago He filled me with the Holy Ghost and I spake with tongues as on the day of Pentecost. Yes, He testified and frequently does now, and I am bearing witness also. Hear ye my testimony and come to Jesus and He will do for you just what He has done for me. God bless you and may every reader of these lines be filled with all the fulness of God. "For He satisfieth the longing soul."

BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

A STUDENT FROM FLORIDA

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. 1 Tim. 2:8.

In the beginning of this chapter the Apostle Paul is exhorting the young man, Timothy and instructing him in certain things which would be well for us to closely observe to-day.

Surely if there ever was a time in the history of the Church of God that people should pray, it is now. Some one may say, "O that is an old saying, I've heard it before." Yes, perhaps you have, but it is not hearing new things in order that we observe them that we wish to bring out in this lesson, but it is this: "Are you doing what you know to do?"

It is sad, but true that the so-called Christians of to-day are falling far beneath the standard we should attain unto in this enlightened age in which we are living. We are not in the land of darkness. The Holy Ghost is given us to lead, guide and direct the people of God into all truths.

O that the Christians of today would pray and not merely offer a few words of prayer with the lips, but get down before God and open our hearts and souls to Him, our spirit making intercession with groanings which cannot be uttered. Some may say, "You are a fanatic". Call me one if you desire, but I do long to see the power of God manifested in a greater way than we have seen yet. It is my intention to pray more.

No doubt the text requests that men everywhere would pray lifting their hands above their heads, which in those days was a manifestation of great earnestness and sincerity. Not spend their time quarreling and disputing as the revised version gives "disputing" for doubting. It is a fact if we would let our spare time be taken up in this way, God's smiles of approval would rest upon us continually.

We are aware of the fact that prayer is the channel thru which man finds grace to help in every time of need.

One of the most necessary things connected with prayer is believing when we ask a thing in His name, He will do it. I suppose that is why the Lord blesses us in the Bible School so wonderfully.

I heard an article read recently which caused me to see the need of praying. A man of God, in a vision saw the Church as a new moon. Upon asking why it looked this way he was told that as the earth passes between the sun and moon in an eclipse of the moon, so the world had gotten between the Son of Righteousness and His Church. Surely we need to awake and pray that the Lord will keep the love of the world out of the Church of God.—George A. Douglas.

A STUDENT FROM KENTUCKY

I am thanking the Lord for the privilege of attending Bible School. This is my first term, and I truly praise God for this one, sorry I haven't been here before. I thank God for saving and sanctifying me. We receive many good blessings from the Lord here in the schoolroom.

We have four students from

Kentucky this year, while there was only one last year, hope we may have more next term.

The Bible School is the place to come to study God's Word. Many people wonder how Bible School is progressing. Listen, I'll tell you a good way to find out, come and see.

Friday afternoons we have service conducted by the students, everybody welcome. We have students from the east and west, the north and south. There are five students from North Dakota, 2,000 miles from their home. They seem to be contented even if they are many miles from home. We now have only about ten more weeks in school; then we will have to part. We are sure it will be a sad parting because we all seem as brothers and sisters.

Pray much for us that we may prosper in our duties.—Cora Bryant.

STUDENT FROM NORTH CAROLINA

While sitting in the schoolroom viewing the surroundings, thinking of the happy days just passed, the thought comes to me that there are just a few more days and this term of school will come to a close. The time has passed so rapidly, the weeks have seemed like days, so we can hardly realize that three months have passed away; but yet they have gone down on the pages of history.

Many prayers go up each day, and many victories have been won. The Lord is still our great Captain and we are expecting still greater victories in the future.

Examination week has just passed and the Lord surely blessed our efforts. Every student worked hard and was determined to make a good grade. The general average of the entire school was about 97%. Truly the Lord was with us and did help us wonderfully. The encouragement of our good teachers, Brother Payne and Sister Moore, was a great help also.

The Friday night prayer meetings are still progressing and the Lord is manifesting His power in a wonderful way. The band boys render excellent music, both vocal and instrumental. Brother Latimer, Pastor, is present at each service, he has this work on his heart and is proving a great blessing to the people of Cleveland.

Please remember the Bible students in your prayers. Best regards to the saints at Gastonia, N. C.—Pearl Auten.

OPEN LETTER TO OUR COLORED BRETHREN.

"They were all with one accord in one place."

F. J. Lee

It will be remembered by all those who visited the last Assembly that there was a resolution introduced in the Assembly concerning the Colored brethren. We will give the document as read by C. F. Bright. Also the second introduced in the Assembly.

We, a Committee of the Colored were appointed to come before you to explain certain matters pertaining to our work in which we would like for this Assembly to give us due consideration.

We feel to some extent that

we are somewhat embarrassed and handicapped, to the extent that we cannot make the progress that we really desire, and we are asking you brethren with the consent of all our ministers present at the Assembly if there can be a way formulated by which we can arrange to better take care of our affairs among the Colored work.

Signed, C. F. Bright.

The above was duly considered before the Assembly, several of the Colored brethren making speeches. Finally the following decision was reached, and it seemed to be unanimous.

We recommend that the Colored people be allowed to have a Colored Assembly and they still are and shall be recognized as the Church of God, and that we all belong to the body of Jesus (the Church of God). Neither shall it be construed that they are a body separate and apart from the General Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, therefore the General Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of their tithes to be used exclusively for them.

Furthermore they shall be given space in the Church of God Evangel for the report of all their orphanage funds, and to generally boost their work.

They have the privilege to select their General Overseer and to attend to their own business. Adopted.

EXPLANATION

The reason we did not explain this thoroughly in the Evangel, I received many letters from the clerks, ministers and members of different churches among the Colored brethren expressing their disapproval of the move made at the Assembly. This

brought the affair into a rather critical condition. Some even intimating that if they could not remain as they were before the Assembly, they would stand independently. We of course had to tell them that if they did not approve of the move, they may consider themselves just as they were before, as they would not be required to leave the General Assembly at Cleveland if they did not choose so to do.

I later find that there is a general dissatisfaction and disapproval among the Colored brethren concerning this action. While I myself have no power to rescind the action of the Assembly, this may be done at the next Annual session if it is to be done at all, but however I will make this statement, as I have made to some of the Churches in the North. If you as a Church did not and do not concur with the action of the 21st Annual Assembly concerning the Colored people having their own General Overseer and General Assembly, you may consider that you are yet with the Assembly at Cleveland and may report and carry on your business as before, pending a further hearing at the next Assembly.

Let us take a peep further into this home since Jesus has come to dwell. See how tidy and neat everything appears, also the entire family dress in a common sense way. See how orderly they appear at the table, all bow the head while father returns thanks. Now before retiring at night they all together kneel for fireside worship. No more rasping words are heard, but instead, you hear, "Glory to God, praise the Lord," or the melody of a sacred song.

If we would have a better world, a better state, county or community, it will not be by force, but only by making the home Christian. The home can only be happy as the inmates love one another, and this can only come by the love of God shed abroad within the souls of the members of the family.

With a final advice I will say, "let us preach, pray and do personal work and make every effort possible to make wicked homes to become Christian homes."

Determined to Live for God

LEPANTO, Ark.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. When I received the light on the Church of God I was in an incurable condition, but God saw fit to heal me. I haven't been in the way but a short time, but I'm determined to go all the way through and be a soul winner for Jesus. Pray for my family that we will be a blessing in this world.—Lizzie Gann.

slap and damage him in every way she can. If John and Bill loved each other and their parents also, they would not curse, drink and fight. If those girls loved and respected their parents as they should they would not stay out of nights with questionable characters, thereby bringing their own health, character and reputation under peril.

What does this home need? It needs Jesus, or other words, the love of God. The text says, "Let us love one another." This applies to homes, churches and in fact to every place where there is an association of human beings.

Paul seems to intimate that while it is required that we love one another we cannot do it within ourselves, so he makes mention that "love is of God." Then how can there be a change in this home if the love of God isn't there? Pa and Ma will continue in their usual course, so will John and Bill, Pet and Purt. A leopard cannot change his spots. The Lord said of the Jews, "Their spot is not the spot of my people."

The thing they need is to get in touch with a real Gospel revival, accept the Word and repent and pray to God till He speaks justification to their souls, then they should thoroughly consecrate until the blood is applied in sanctification, after which the Holy Ghost should take possession and completely dominate the life of each inmate of the home, thereby transforming the entire tenor of the home. All things become new. There is no more cursing, and fighting. The girls dress modestly and let their hair grow, they discard paint, also the midnight drive. Instead of being Pet and Purt their name is Pretty because the adage "Pretty is, as pretty does" has come true.

If your father and mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house, are not happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you really are one.—J. Hudson Taylor.

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DO TH GOD TAKE CARE OF OXEN?

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get anything to put in His storehouse or barn?" Oh, that is all right, "The earth is the Lord's." Ex. 9:29; Deut. 10:14; Psa. 24:1; 1 Cor. 10:26, and all that dwell therein. You say then, "What part have I?" Well you are just His tenant. We notice Jesus said, "Occupy until I come." Luke 19:13. So we are here to live on the Lord's property until He comes and all it costs us is one tenth with free-will offerings. This is to go in the Lord's storehouse so God can take care of His oxen. Now you can see that God does care for oxen.

Listen! God said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Read Mal. 3:7-13. The Lord said the whole nation had robbed Him and I believe we are living in just as evil times as it was then. Don't forget He said they robbed Him in tithes and offerings. You say, "Oh, I always give God my tithes." No, you don't. If you pay tithes you only pay God what belongs to Him, you give nothing. After you pay God what you owe Him then the offerings you make are given.

Some say when they make thirty and forty dollars a week and put one or two dollars in the treasury they pay tithes. No, you don't, you don't tell the truth. You say, "I would not mind paying tithes if we had a good Pastor, State Overseer and good men at headquarters." That is just another excuse. If you are robbing God you are not fit to judge others. Paul said, "Let him that stole steal no more." Eph. 4:28. (Now is a good time to quit.) Another will say, "I would pay my tithes if I

They cursed, they fought,
Chewed and dipped;
For Satan had them caught.
In pride and fashion
And ungodly passion;
On to deeper depths they skipped.

Halt! said the Spirit,
To this ungodly crew,
I have a work that you must do;
Change your course
And do the right,
And serve the Lord
With all your might.

To this, they gave the most
earnest heed,
And began to pray, and the
Bible to read
Until at last the Lord
Came into that home to dwell
And now there is peace, and all
is well.

REQUESTS

A Presbyterian minister at Middletown, O. requests prayer that he will receive the Holy Ghost and says he will write a piece to the Evangel when he receives the baptism.

Mr. A. J. Whitaker, Bonne Terre, Mo. requests prayer for he and his wife's healing. He was hurt at work and the enemy is trying to force him to have an operation, so every one earnestly pray.

I have been in the Ironton Hospital twenty-seven days, had two operations and have suffered very much. It seems I am not improving as I should and I want all to pray a special prayer for my healing for I know God is able to completely heal me and raise me up from my bed of affliction.

I am saved, sanctified and fully consecrated to God and feel like going all the way. My home is at Pinson Fork near McVeigh, Ky.—W. C. Miller, 705 N. 4th St., Clanton, Alabama.

Sister Fannie Crane, Whitney, Alabama requests prayer of all the saints for the healing of her right arm. It is very painful, also for her little granddaughter who has a growth on her face, something like a blood boil and has been gradually growing worse all the time.—A sister.

Lillie Mae Kelley, Route 2, Clanton, Alabama requests prayer that she may be healed and that she may be able to follow the Lord all the way, also that her father who is nearly blind may be healed.

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knew where the storehouse was." This is another flimsy excuse, the dumb brutes know this. Listen! "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." Isa. 1:3. Here is the trouble, they don't consider, they don't want to know.

One more thing I wish to call attention to is this: Borrowing or holding tithes, when it gets to amounting to much you are likely to forget it. Better borrow of some one else, or be sure that you have the Lord's consent. Some say ministers should work all the week and preach on Sunday for naught. This is ignorance. Read what Paul says about it in 1 Cor. 9:15, and you will find that God cares for (oxen) His ministers.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

VICTORY IN MARYLAND AND PENNSYLVANIA

BOYNTON, Pa.—There have been four saved, two sanctified and three baptized with the Holy Ghost at this place in the last three weeks in a few special services and cottage prayer meetings. The saints here pay their tithes and are walking in the light, therefore the windows of Heaven are open.

This is a wonderful field for the Church of God. Several Pentecostal people in the surrounding country are becoming dissatisfied with their present state and saying by their actions, "Come ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths." Isa. 2:3.

We are located almost on top of the Allegheny Mountains and the Church is rising and shining, therefore this quotation applies to the church here both spiritually and literally.

The churches in Maryland are standing firm; they are on the rock. When trouble comes we begin to seek God, our great consolation being in the Scripture contained in Ezra 8:22, "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him." Also "My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me." "I gave unto them eternal life." "They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all."

The Colored work, which was somewhat in confusion after the Assembly has become settled again and is moving along fine.—H. W. Poteat, State Overseer, Boynton, Pa.

WORD GIVEN OUT UNDER THE POWER OF GOD

WINCHESTER, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord because one time His mercies were extended from His kind hands down to me. O that sweet spirit that so tenderly pleaded with me, called me out of a life of sin into the marvelous light of God. I am so glad that nine years ago I found favor with God. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I have a great desire in my heart to live for Him. There is nothing in this sin benighted world to go back to. The fashion and pride of this world are leading so many souls astray, but thank the Lord that He has some real, earnest, Christian people in this world who mean to be ready when Christ returns to go up to the great Marriage Supper in the sky and I want to be one in that number.

The Lord has some good people in Winchester yet. We thank Him for the good blessings that He gave His children during the revival recently closed. Brother Giddens was in charge. The dear Lord wonderfully blest him and he gave out the Word under the mighty power of God. The saints all enjoyed the meeting and were encouraged to go on and get closer to God. One received the Holy Ghost and many others seemed to be interested in this way, also Brothers Rouse and Capshaw were with us a few nights. On Sunday before the meeting closed, Brother Capshaw rendered a wonderful message on Love, which was greatly

enjoyed. On Sunday night, the last night of the meeting, Brother Rouse preached a wonderful sermon on Divine Healing which strengthened our faith. The meeting closed and each one was encouraged to do more for the Lord. May the Lord bless those faithful brethren as they labor in His vineyard and supply their needs in our prayer. Pray for us.—Etta B. Lakes.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD

DELBARTON, W. Va.—Brother H. M. Bates of Fariston, Ky., and the writer have just closed a revival meeting at Delbarton, W. Va., where we found a lively band of saints on fire for God. Brother Bates surely did some fine preaching which was much enjoyed by both saint and sinner.

Twelve were saved, five sanctified and ten added to the Church. The cold weather hindered some the last week, but we had a large crowd the last night. We never will forget those good saints for they were so kind to us while we were with them. We had a good place to stay in the home of the deacon and his wife, Brother and Sister Staton. The saints brought in many good things for us to eat which was very much enjoyed. We also were in the homes of several of the saints, which we surely did enjoy.

We left Delbarton, Jan. 17th for our homes, stopped over at Ironton, Ohio for one service where we found another fine band of saints on fire for God,

so pray that God will save many souls during our service for Him.—B. H. Enix, Black Joe, Ky.

THE ANTICHRIST ECCLESIASTICAL

(Continued from Page 1.) shame and disgrace on the sacred Cause of Christ and also by denying the power of the Gospel of Christ. 2 Tim. 3:5, 6, 8, 13, and 4th Chapter 3, 4. And by their fruits ye shall know them, and the Prophet Isaiah said if they speak not according to the Word, there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20. And in view of the foregoing Scriptures we have a very graphic view of the Antichrist dressed in a preacher's garment.

Modernism, Universalism, and all the bloodless cults have had their calling and ordainment in the 4th verse of Jude and at the same time Satan rebelled against God. As the true Child of God is dead with Christ and his life hid with Christ in God, just so these bloodless cults and modernists and all else that deny the Word of God, their lives are hid with Satan, and when they pose they must transform themselves as their father did, of course posing as a minister, but inwardly a ravening wolf.

The Test

By their fruits ye shall know them. Matt. 7:20. Well if we find them with the characteristics of Satan-Antichrist, then we have the photograph. If we find in any class of preachers the likeness of Antichrist then we have no need to look further. Let us examine the characteristic of the Antichrist. Paul calls him in 2 Thess. 2:3, the man of sin. Well then if the Antichrist is the man of sin, if I sin or justify sin, I automatically identify myself with, and as belonging to the Antichrist, and prove

by doing the works of Satan, that I am of Satan. Jno. 8:44. This is just the opposite of Jesus, for he knew no sin. 2 Cor. 5:21. And he that sinneth; hath not seen him, neither known him. Jno. 3:6. But contrariwise he that abideth in him sinneth not, for in him is no sin. Jno. 3:5. Thus we find immediately that if Antichrist is the man of sin, then all that sin are of Antichrist, and we have to learn but one thing and i.e. that whatsoever is not Christ, is Antichrist. If you are in Christ you are a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17. And if not ~~we~~ ^{we} of the old Adam, and the mystery of iniquity in 2 Thess. 2:7 is but the incarnation of Satan in man, which culminates in the final apostacy of man, in the Antichrist as a super-product of the fallen man, in the Antichrist as a super-product of the mystery of godliness or God manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3:16.

Thus we find by comparison (and that is what Jesus invites us to do) immediately the cause of sin in a professor's life. It is because he has never been freed from the power of the Antichrist, but Jesus came to set the captives free. Isa. 61:1, and not only so but he led CAPTIVITY captive, and this Captivity here referred to in Eph. 4:8 is none other than Satan and Antichrist, and as a result of that fact of having led Captivity captive, He gave gifts unto men and these gifts are and were the power of the Holy Ghost, which worketh in me mightily. Col. 1:29. For greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world, and it is the lack of divine power in the lives of ministers and all Christians so called that cause them to commit sin, but some one says we have to sin. Yes if you are the servant of sin, but if you are the servant of Jesus you do not; and therefore you could not, because you are born of God. Jno. 3:9. For sin shall not have dominion over you. Rom. 6:18. And became servants unto righteousness, and have your fruit unto HOLINESS and the end of HOLINESS is everlasting LIFE. Rom. 6:22. And having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust you are now a partaker of Divine nature, according to His Divine power which is the Holy Ghost, and are now in position, where you should by HIS EXCEEDING great and precious promises receive all things that pertain to life and GODLINESS. 2 Pet. 1:3-4. Through the knowledge of him that hath called you unto glory and virtue, not unto sin as Satan's transformed minister says, but unto GLORY and VIRTUE.

A Difference

I tell you there is quite a difference between a life of sin, and one of glory and virtue. Here we have two elements that are of a heavenly origin. One is glory and the other is virtue and can be obtained right here as is shown by adding to your faith, virtue. Jesus says he whom the Son makes free is free indeed. Jno. 8:36. What every poor preacher and every child of God needs is the freedom of SONSHIP through Christ, and the Holy Ghost to help our infirmities. Rom. 8:26.

Characteristics Resumed

Again the Apostle refers to the Antichrist as the mystery of iniquity, then there is but one conclusion, let him be preacher, layman, Dean, D. D. or LL. D. Priest, or Prophet. He that committeth sin is Antichrist, but you say you have the Antichrist here before his time, no not at all, as was shown in the previous article Satan-Antichrist—Political

of man.

We have from the Apostle John in Jno. 2:18, the statement that there were already many Antichrists at that time in the world, and in the next verse he refers to them as "THEY" a class of people that had gone out from the Apostles. Because they were not of us he says, they must have been false teachers he had reference to, for says he, "we are of God, and he that knoweth God heareth us," so then these is but one conclusion and that is that sin and iniquity is Antichrist.

Wicked

Now we are told by Paul in the 8th verse of the 2d chapter of 2d Thess. that Antichrist is that WICKED, and further states that when Jesus comes He will reveal Him as such, then if we find Antichrist to be THE MAN OF SIN and the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY and that WICKED, then we have three undeniable features, that who-soever is found bearing in his person or character which immediately identifies him with, and as being of the Antichrist. And again in 2 Thess. 2:4, we have him stated to be the one that "exalteth himself." This is a twin brother to pride and then we can readily see where these things abound and rule in any one, he is not identified with Christ. It was pride that caused Satan's fall, it was pride caused man's fall, for man was made subject to vanity, (def. of pride is vanity), but not willingly because God had subjected the same in hope, and we can be free from pride, sin, iniquity and wickedness, so it seems to me as we have him pretty well located.

But how often it is in the sacred pulpit it is so stated that we have to sin and commit iniquity and wickedness. Well if the ministers stand for and teach this kind of a thing we have sure located the criminal, both by photograph, and actions, and he will run from, and shun a Church of God preacher that preaches HOLINESS, as quick as a criminal will a policeman.

Now some will doubt about this thing, to say this rendering is not correct. Well turn with me to Eph. 2:2 and we find that the prince of the power of the air is the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, and in John 12:31 Jesus calls him the prince of this world and of course then he would be the world ruler, and Eph. 2:2 says according to the course of this world, and Satan says it is mine and to whomsoever I will give it. Matt. 4:8; Lk. 4:6; 2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:18.

Conclusion

Now if you will read the characteristics of the Antichrist from an unbiased mind with Bible in hand, you will find that every sinner whether he be professor or what not, is of Antichrist. God help you man to get hold of the truth of God and preach it. This Evolution theory, denying God as a Creator, is of the Antichrist. This modernist theory of education is Antichrist, and is so referred to as the wisdom of this world by the Apostle in 1 Cor. 1:21-25, ad 2:4-5, of which Satan is God, and ruler. This denial of Jesus as the incarnate Son of God is Antichrist. Jno. 2:22.

Admonition

Let us read running the references, and this will help you to understand the work of the Antichrist that is so rapidly working in the world today, this article will be continued under the same head, and later will appear the Antichrist, under the caption, Antichrist—Political

REPORT FROM HARTWELL, GA.

LORD GAVE VICTORY IN EVERY BATTLE

It has been some time since I wrote to the Evangel. I feel like writing to-day and giving a report of the work in this part of the State.

I am glad I can report victory for myself. I am saved, sanctified, the Holy Ghost abides and I am trusting God for both soul and body. This last year has been one of the best of my life, I have had the devil to fight; but the dear Lord has given victory in every battle.

Wicked

We have had some wonderful meetings in this part of the State. We had our District Meeting the second Sunday in June at the Hartwell church. Brother Culpepper, State Overseer, was with us then. His sermons were edifying to all.

He also preached two wonderful sermons at the Lavonia church in this District while here. The second Sunday in August we began a revival at the Hartwell church. Our District Overseer, Brother J. C. Mauldin, was with us in this meeting, also Brother J. M. Donald from Townville, S. C. was here for a few services. Brother Ed Johnson from Walhalla, S. C. was with us most of the time during the meeting. He did some wonderful preaching.

During this meeting there were fifteen saved, ten sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, nine came into the Church and ten were baptized in water. People surely were interested during this meeting, and some attended who never were known to attend before.

I don't want to fail to mention our Sunday School at the Hartwell church. I think we have one of the best schools in Hart County. We don't have a large attendance, but we have a good school. We have two young girls who are members of the Church here, who attend Sunday School most every Sunday and they walk a distance of three miles, they with two other small sisters. We offer a prize each year to the pupil who memorizes the most chapters in the Bible. One of our girls has already memorized fourteen chapters of the Gospel of St. John this year. Thank the Lord for Sunday Schools.

The first Sunday night in September we began a meeting at the courthouse at Hartwell, Ga. which continued two weeks. There were two who professed to get saved during this meeting. We had a large attendance most of the time.

We also have been having some real good services near Royston, Ga., a new field.

Several have been saved during the meetings there and a Sunday School organized. We only have two churches on this District, but I just want to say we have some who love the Church so much they won't compromise with the devil; but they are standing firm for God and His Church.

We have had some wonderful healings here this year. My father and sister took the mumps and flu. I wrote Brother Rouse to have special prayer for them. The Lord wonderfully healed them both. Later I took the mumps and the Lord healed me in just a short while. Others have been healed by the mighty power of God at this place. Our God still lives and can heal all diseases. Some say they want to do their part. Our part is to believe His Word, let Him heal us. Bless His holy name.

Wants to Get Stronger in the Lord

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—I am glad to send a note of praise and thanks to my Redeemer, He has done so much for me. When my Savior found me nine months ago I was in a run down condition. But He who once said, "All power is given unto me" has set my soul free from the habits of the devil. Oh, praise His name. He put the go ye spirit in my heart. I had rather suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. The world must pass away, but God's salvation is everlasting.

Jesus said, "be ye faithful unto death," and this is what I mean to do. I am a member of the Church of God here. Pray for me that I will get stronger in the Lord.—John Jones.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO THE CHURCHES, CLERKS, TREASURERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EVERY PLACE:

Greetings: Since you have shown your loyalty in the past in cooperating with Headquarters, we herewith desire to show our appreciation for the manifestation of your willingness to act on propositions and suggestions that we have offered in the past concerning different matters in the Church of God. We sincerely thank you. We now come with another suggestion, namely, that every clerk and treasurer from this time forth send all money intended for the Church of God, such as tithes, Mission money, Orphanage, School or tithe of offerings from the ministry, to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this.

I remain yours sincerely,

F. J. Lee.

NOTICES

Any one in need of an Evangelist write me. Faye E. Sease, 2335 Faure Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

Will Mr. John Huggins who was section foreman at Wimauma, Florida in 1917 please put your present address in the Church of God Evangel.—Those who want to know.

Brother Moreland has appointed me District Overseer over the Kirksville District. Any one wanting to come here and open fire on the enemy who will stand foursquare for the Church of God with F. J. Lee, General Overseer, come on, roll up your sleeves and get busy for God.—John R. Rash, Route 1, Novinger, Mo.

ONEIL, Miss.—I feel impressed this morning, to write a line or two to the paper. I love Jesus because He first loved me. He saved and sanctified me and later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I am living seventeen miles from a Church and I get real hungry to be with the saints, but I am standing four square for the Church and all of her teachings, and Brother F. J. Lee as General Overseer. Pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Annie B. Randall.

My desire is to do more for the Lord and His Church this year than I have ever done before. I am expecting to evangelize mostly this year.

I desire an interest in the prayers of the dear saints everywhere that I'll be a soul winner for God and His Church.

(Miss) Myrtle Whitehead.